

REMARKS

Claims 1-25, 39-50 and 86-133 are pending in the application. Claims 1-25 and 39-50 are currently withdrawn. *See* Office Action dated July 9, 2001 (Paper No. 10).¹ By this amendment, claims 88, 89 and 133 are cancelled. Following entry of this amendment, claims 1-25, 39-50, 86, 87, and 90-132 will be pending.

Applicants hereby elect Group IV (claims 86-118 and 121-132) without traverse.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesy of the brief telephone call held July 17, 2003, in which the Examiner clarified the species election requirement.

By this amendment, claims 88 and 89 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, thereby mooting the species election requirement. Applicants expressly reserve the right to pursue these claims in a divisional application during the pendency of this application, or in an application claiming priority from this application.

Applicants also respectfully request rejoinder of method claims which incorporate limitations of examined composition claims.

Applicants expressly reserve the right under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to file a divisional application directed to the nonelected or cancelled subject matter during the pendency of this application, or an application claiming priority from this application.

Applicants request examination of the elected subject matter on the merits.

¹ Applicants note that the Office has already subjected the present application to a similar restriction requirement. In the Office Action mailed September 26, 2000 (Paper No. 7), the Office required restriction of the pending claims. In the

In the unlikely event that the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket no. **316082000121**. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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Amendment mailed October 25, 2000, Applicants elected group II (claims 26-38). In the Office Action mailed July 9, 2001 (Paper No. 10), the Office withdrew claims 1-25 and 39-50.